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TRAINS, STEAMERS CARRY  
HEAVY EASTER TRAFFIC

STEAMER TRAFFIC HITS RECORD -- Rude Pravo, No 92, 20 Apr 49

The Prague Steamship Company carried a record number of 25,000 persons from Prague to the regions surrounding the city over the Easter holidays. The Prague Steamship Company will put two more ships into service on 24 April to handle the increased travel.

The Czechoslovak State Railways carried about 12 percent more people this Easter than the previous year. All but a very few travelers were accommodated, however. In the Czech Provinces 281 extra trains were run.

Svobodne Slovo, No 92, 20 Apr 49

Easter travel was very heavy this year, the largest movement of people being on Good Friday and Saturday; 538,446 people left Prague by train, and 514,007 arrived.

Traffic in the stations was 18 percent greater than last year. A total of 132 special trains left Prague. Wilson Station was the busiest. In all, 237,393 people left via Wilson Station, 187,215 arrived, and 82 special trains were run through the station. Masaryk Station handled 156,772 people arriving, 161,504 people leaving, and 18 special trains. Traffic in Denis Station was smaller: only 39,138 people left Prague by this station, 41,474 people arrived, and five special trains were run.

In order to handle traffic, 153 freight cars were used.

The Prague streetcar system carried 1,600,000 people to the ends of the various lines on Sunday and Monday. A total of 44 motor streetcars and 89 trailers were run extra. The cable car in Petrin carried 8,000 people in 2 days.

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Pleasure steamers carried 50,000 people from Prague and back, and 5,000 passengers were handled at intervening stops.

Trains were not seriously late. The average express was 11 minutes late, and the average local train 15 minutes late.

SKODA TO PRODUCE TROLLEY BUSES - Lidova Demokracie, No 94, 22 Apr 49

The Skoda plants in Pilsen are completing an order of 15 trolley buses for Brno. The buses have two axles, are powered by 100-kilowatt traction motors, and can carry 80 persons, including seating space for 22.

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